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In late January 1950 Cyula Sipos (for details see a previous report*), Gyoergy Denes and Gyoergy Non conferred with Rakosi on the organization of the central unity youth. Gyoergy Non is leader of the party youth of the Hungarian Labor Party and has charge of the top youth organization which was established on a coalition basis and is called Youth Sector of the Independence Front. Denes is believed to control secretly the youth front. As was learned from Sipos, Hakosi, at this conrerence, made the following comment on the political situation in Hungary;

- 1. The new organization is to seize power for the Communists. This aim must, however, not immediately be apparent. The essential key positions, of course, must first be held by communists but there must be some liberality in the participation of non-Communists who are to be admitted to leading positions For the duration of about a year. They will then be separated from their adherents, will be deprived of their influence and be isolated and, on their isolation, removed from their offices.
- 2. As to the general political situation Rakosi declared himself satisfied with the success of the last five years. He said that he continued to urge and good his cooperators only to keep up the pace held thus far and considered the development of public opinion in Hungary to be good. One of his plans, he went on, was an amnesty in the Fall of this year.
- He did not therefore call for any forceful measures against the priests or the great landed farmers during this year. These two classes, which continued to offer dogged resistance, must be subjected to a process of slow attrition and to this end, he edded, special cooperation of the organizations in charge of youth education is required.

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